(2) Mandating ethanol blending of petrol in certain States and Union Territories.

(3) Increasing awareness of oil conservation measures.

Oil refinery in Rajasthan

2198. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of heavy oil reserves having been found in Rajasthan, there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an oil refinery in that State; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the location identified for the purpose, time likely to be taken for its setting up and the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set up an oil refinery in Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

HP's dealers in coastal Andhra Pradesh

2199.SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has any service pumps, petrol pumps and dealers of its products in coastal Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of petrol pumps, diesel outlets, etc., under Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the quantum of petrol and diesel supplied to these four districts by Hindustan Petroleum in the last three months; and

(d) what steps are proposed to monitor the activities and business strategies of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Hindustan Petroleum Corpration Ltd. (HPCL) is now operating 137 Retail Outlets and 92 gas distributorships in coastal Andhra Pradesh.